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INFO USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GUINEA-BISSAU ADMISSION TO WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

REF: STABLER-SCOTT TELCON MAY 15

1. DCM CONTACTED FONMIN SECGEN CALVET DE MAGALHAES TO ADVISE THAT OUR READING OF PROBABLE VOTES ON SUBJECT WAS THAT, IF U.S. VOTED NO ON MOTION, U.S. WOULD BE ALONE IN NEGATIVE COLUMN. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT U.S. NEGATIVE WOULD BE SOMEWHAT EMPTY GESTURE SINCE MOTION WILL PASS WHATEVER U.S. DOES, HE INQUIRED ABOUT REACTION OF GOP IF U.S. EITHER ABSTAINED OR WAS ABSENT FROM VOTE.

2. CALVET NOTED THAT, AS OF LATE LAST NIGHT, GOP HAS NEW FOREIGN MINISTER (SOCIALIST MARIO SOARES) WHO IS HEAVILY ENGAGED TODAY AND CANNOT BE CONTACTED. CALVET ADDED THAT PROBLEM OF PORTUGUESE GUINEA IS NOW BEING ACTIVELY WORKED ON BY GOP AUTHORITIES, WHO ARE ATTEMPTING ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PAIGC ON ISSUE.
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HE GAVE IT AS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT ANYTHING WHICH

MIGHT TEND TO WEAKEN PORTUGAL'S NEGOTIATING POSITION,
SUCH AS A CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY CONCERNING
PORTUGUESE GUINEA, WOULD BE SEEN AS UNHELPFUL.

3. DCM ASKED CALVET'S REACTION TO POSSIBILITY OF
U.S. DELEGATION ABSENTING ITSELF FROM VOTE AND
PUBLICLY EXPLAINING THAT IT WAS JOINING PORTUGAL IN
BEING ABSENT FROM CONSIDERATION THIS MATTER IN ORDER
NOT TO PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF EFFORTS PORTUGAL WAS
NOW IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING WITH RESPECT TO A
REVISION OF ITS OVERSEAS POLICY. DCM NOTED THAT THIS
WAS ONLY A PERSONAL SUGGESTION AND HE COULD NOT
PREDICT DEPARTMENT'S REACTION. CALVET SAID THAT
SUCH A POSITION WOULD, HE FELT CERTAIN, BE ENTIRELY
ACCEPTABLE TO GOP. DCM AGREED MAKE SUGGESTION TO
DEPARTMENT.

4. RECOMMEND US DEL BE INSTRUCTED ADOPT POSITION
ALONG LINES OUTLINED PARA 3. SCOTT

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